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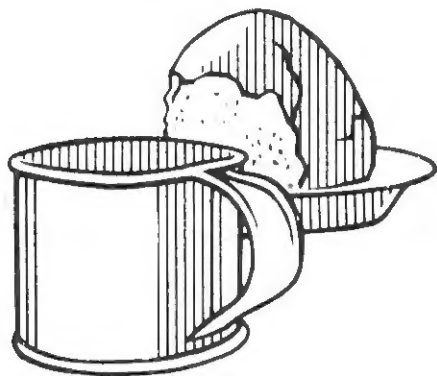
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## World Communion Sunday 1971

Christians demonstrate their unity in Christ, as they come together to Christ's table on World Communion Sunday.

The day first dawns upon Fiji Islanders; before it is over people on every island and continent have gathered about Christ's table in remembrance of Him who gave his life for the world.

At a church in Thailand last World Communion Sunday, a Japanese pastor gave the meditation — his first address in the Thai language. An American doctor helped to serve the loaf and the cup to a congregation of 400, including many members of a neighboring English-speaking church.

A missionary attending a Communion Service in an urban church in Africa described some of the people who came forward to receive the elements of bread and fruit juice: old women with hands so gnarled with age and constant hoeing that they were too stiff to pick cups off the tray; young modern women with hands more adapted to the needle than to the hoe; well-groomed and well-dressed young people; an occasional blind person; and young school girls who had learned of Christ from their teachers.

Christ and His people, gathered from the ends of the earth in an unbroken communion of faith and love, are the hope of the world.

As we come to the Lord's table, let us bring along a generous Neighbors in Need

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## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS SET

*Saturday, Oct. 2* — North Alabama, Jones Chapel, R. 2, Moulton, Ala., R. M. Waugh, pastor.

*Friday evening and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9* — Georgia-South Carolina, Circular Church, 136 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C., Robert W. Boston, pastor.

*Wednesday, Oct. 13* — East Alabama, Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Ga., Warren Blankenhorn, pastor.

*Thursday, Oct. 14* — East Alabama, Todd Church, Shawmut, Ala., Bill Hodnett, pastor

*Saturday, Oct. 16* — South Alabama-Northwest Florida, First Church, Andalusia, Ala., B. L. Butler, pastor.

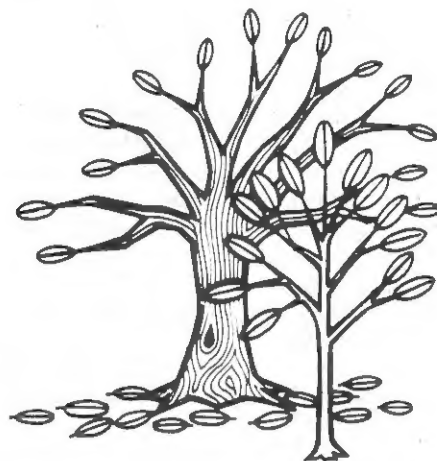
*Sunday, Oct. 17* — Central Alabama, Mountain Creek Union Church, Mountain Creek, Ala., R. T. Baldwin, pastor.

*Saturday, Oct. 23* — Alabama-Tennessee, place to be announced.

In preparation for the Association meetings, churches should pay Association dues to the Association Treasurer; OCWM (Our Christian World Mission) gifts are to be sent to the Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329. East Alabama churches send gifts to the Association secretary, Mr. H. Paul Beaird, Lanett, Ala.

Although programs for the Associations are not prepared as yet, it is hoped that Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., Elon College, N. C., will attend several of the associations in the interest of Elon Home for Children.

Beginning this fall, Associations will carry more responsibility for strengthening outreach of local churches. Associations will have representatives on each Commission to do general planning, but the real work will be developed in the association by association leaders.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth Mini-Conferences Are Scheduled For SEC

At a meeting of SEC YOUTH officers in Nashville, Tenn., in June, tentative plans were made for three "Mini-Conferences" in various parts of the Southeast Conference.

Dates and locations follow:

*Sept. 10, 11 and 12:* Camp Calvin, Hampton, Georgia (near Atlanta).

*Sept. 24, 25 and 26:* Camp Ozone, Ozone, Tenn., (about halfway between Knoxville and Nashville on U. S. 70).

*Oct. 8, 9 and 10:* Camp Anderson Creek, Rogersville, Ala. (about 18 miles west of Athens).

Regional committees are planning these events, and correspondence will soon be coming.

### Where Do OCWM \$\$\$\$ Go?

The Division of Church Extension of BHM annually budgets more than \$33,000 for specialized mission agencies. \$15,000 goes to the Mississippi Delta Ministry, which recently petitioned the federal government for \$24.4 million in legal aid not used by the State Welfare Department last year, so these funds could be used by private agencies equipped to meet needs of the poor.

## REVIVAL TIME IN SEC CHURCHES

Many churches in the Southeast Conference held Revivals during the summer. A visiting preacher, a song leader, meals and visiting, services at the church each night (and sometimes in the morning) and the presence of the Holy Spirit make glad the hearts of the participants.

Although we do not have a complete list of revivals and guest ministers, the following are known: Arnold Slater at Garden City, Ala.; Ralph Worley at New Hope Church, Clio, Ala.; Floyd Carmack at Blackwood Church, Headland, Ala.; Warren Blankenhorn at Langdale, Ala.; John Rhodes at First Church, Andalusia, Ala.; Lowell Smoot at Jones Chapel, Woodbury, Ga.; George Washington at Old Liberty, Town Creek, Ala.; Ernest Shelton, Cecil Pratt and Robert Shelton at Mountain Grove Church, Hanceville, Ala.

Melvin Dollar, Minister of Church Extension in the Florida Conference, conducted a Visitation Evangelism program for the four churches in the Columbus-Phenix City area, with laymen and ministers making more than 500 calls. Mr. Dollar is to conduct a similar program for the LaGrange United Church, August 22-25, 1971. Such a program enables the church people to reach out to the community throughout the year.

The American Bible Society's modern English translation, *Good News for Modern man*, recently passed Dr. Benjamin Spock's *Baby and Child Care* as the best selling paperback book. More than 25 million copies of the *Good News* has been sold compared to Spock's 24.1 million.



**A  
Good Steward  
Does Not Hold Back**



### John Walter Keener Dies

The Rev. John Walter Keener, a retired U.C.C. minister who had moved to Tullahoma, Tenn., in 1957, died July 28, 1971, in a Convalescent Center there. He was 89 years old. Survivors include his wife, Gladys May Deardoff Keener of the Center, two sons and a daughter.

Ordained June 15, 1914 by the Evangelical and Reformed Church, he served pastorates in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kansas and Illinois. He also served the Church-at-Large in numerous positions of leadership and responsibility.

After retirement, he served as interim minister at Belvidere United Church of Christ and was active in the Tullahoma Ministerial Association. His last pulpit service was at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tullahoma on Good Friday 1971, when he participated in the three-hour service, speaking on the words of Jesus, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Rev. James Cowlishaw, pastor of Belvidere Church, and other ministers of the community led a service of witness to the Resurrection and praise to God for the life of Mr. Keener on July 30, 1971 at First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma. The congregation gave thanks to God for permitting them to share in the life and ministry of Pastor Keener, a beloved servant of Christ and a minister in His Church.

## Ministers On The Move

Rev. Cliff B. Smith, formerly pastor of East Tallassee and Mt. Olive Church, both of Tallassee, Ala., accepted the call to become pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, R. R. 1, Ramseur, N. C. 27316, effective August 1, 1971. The Smith family moved into the parsonage late in July.

Rev. James E. Humphrey, former pastor of Huntsville (Alabama) United Church of Christ and for the past year a student at William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute of Columbia, S. C., has accepted a call to Shallow Well Church, Sanford, N. C. As of September 1, 1971, the Humphreys' address will be Route 7, Box 129, Sanford, N. C. 27330.

At Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Ala., Rev. Harold A. Schulz is the interim minister. He and the family still live at 354 Bedford Terrace, Prattville, Ala. 36067.

Interim minister in Robbins Parish since the retirement of Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell, is Rev. Hugh Lassetter, Box 181, Hiawassee, Ga. 30546.

The Rev. Miss Campbell is now retired, as of August 1, 1971, and is living with her sisters in Winter Park, Florida.

Rev. Kenneth Primm of Chattanooga, Tenn., is serving as supply preacher of Chattanooga First Church on a Sunday-to-Sunday basis.

## Family Thank Offering Makes Projects Possible

Each year three projects, which cannot be included in the regular budgets of the instrumentalities, are chosen for funding by the FAMILY THANK OFFERING. Gifts received in 1971 go to:

New Ministries Among Indian Americans  
Lay Leadership Development Overseas  
Civil Liberties of Forgotten Americans.

A description of each of these is given in WITH HEART — WITH MIND 1971, which was in the Fall 1970 Packet of LAITY RESOURCES and in the Stewardship Packet. It also contains an in-gathering service. Copies are available free from CDS, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 53177. A reminder about the FTO dedication was recently sent to each church by the Council for Lay Life and Work. Newly designed red and silver boxes will be 5c each from the same address. SOMETHING NEW: Labels (3c) each from same address to use around beverage cans and thus have "do it yourself" FTO boxes with solid bottoms!

## Brookmeade Is Engaged In Planning

The *Newsletter* of Brookmeade Church, Nashville, announces two main areas of planning: An evaluation process, initiated by Rev. Serge Hummon of the U.C.C. Division of Church Extension, and a new thrust in Christian education.

"The purpose of the evaluation was to measure the strengths and weaknesses of our congregational life, to seek evidence of accomplishments and guidelines for future decision and work." It is hoped that all three Nashville U.C.C. churches will participate in similar studies. "Then we will combine the data and work toward a larger 'Nashville Picture' for our churches."

The Board of Christian Education sees two "musts": 1. a need for a clear definition of aims, and 2. the need for parents to convince their children that an education to be Christian is as important to life as an education for a profession. "This is not a covert attempt to 'con' children into submission, but a request that parents re-examine their own convictions and their own verbal and non-verbal expressions about Christian education."

## Union Grove Calls New Pastor

Rev. Roy Bain began his ministry at Union Grove Church, R. 5, Haleyville, Ala., July 11. He and his wife and the two children have moved into the parsonage.

Along with five others, the Rev. Mr. Bain was ordained to the ministry on Sunday, January 3, 1971, at Old Liberty Grove Church, Town Creek, Ala.

Mr. Bain, a carpenter by trade, was a Chaplain's Assistant while in the armed services in Korea. During the past several years, he studied under the leadership of Dr. Guy Colbert, Pastor at Large of North Alabama Association.

Union Grove Church is located near Haleyville where new homes are being built. With approximately 50 members, the church anticipates growth in membership and witness for Christ.

Rev. Elmer Brakefield, a retired minister of the Haleyville area, served the Union Grove congregation for the past several years.

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Pictured above, left to right: First Church members, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Frank Becker, and Mrs. Bob Fink, and Director of T. V. S., Mrs. Virginia Edmondson.

## First Church Women At Work

Recently, women of First U.C.C., Nashville, Tenn., delivered a car load of recreational equipment and games to Tennessee Vocational School for Girls located in Nashville. Earlier in the year, a group from First Church had toured the school and discovered this great need. The Women of the Church voted to provide such equipment as a yearly project.

## Langdale Youth Choir Presentation

Late in July, the Youth Choir of Langdale Church, under the direction of Mrs. Allen B. Hollis, Jr., "took the West Point Pilot Club by storm" when they presented "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Singing in the group are Barry Holmes, Janice Wilder, Kathryn, Terri and Sharon Sides, Teresa, Tommy, and Tonya Hollis, Marie Mason, Jenny Edge, and Lolita Holmes. Ann Ingram was the pianist for the group.

## Huntsville V. C. S. Termed A Success

The *United Church News* of Huntsville, Ala., reports a very productive Vacation Church School under the direction of Judy Miller and Sarah Green. About ninety children attended, participating in a study about Africa which included study materials, crafts, services and even cooking. The offering amounting to \$32.44, was sent to Church World Service to purchase needs for African farmers.

## OBSERVE LAITY SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

"DO . . . According to Your Faith" will be the theme of many services on Laity Sunday, since it is suggested in LAITY RESOURCES as the adult program theme for our churches 1971-72. The worship/program booklet by that name (75c from CDS, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177) will provide ideas on this subject.

An August mailing to every church from Dr. H. H. Helmich, executive of the Council for Lay Life and Work, included a copy of "Laity Sunday, 1971" which gives specific help for planning this special observance. It was also in the spring Program Packet of LAITY RESOURCES. Additional copies are 10c from CDS. Other suggestions are found in Sept. *Lay Leaders Bulletin*.

Lay people should be in on the planning as well as participating in the church services on Laity Sunday.

## 'Task Force' Features C. O. C. U.

In addition to the regular feature "Moments of Concern," the July-August 1971 *Task Force*, published by the U.C.C. Stewardship Council, calls attention to C.O.C.U. (the Consultation on Church Union).

Every pastor should have received at least one copy of this important issue. If you have not, send for a copy to the Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

A great deal of misinformation is being circulated about C.O.C.U. In addition to a chart about the participating denominations, *Task Force* contains a listing of resources so that you may read the truth for yourselves. Prices and addresses for ordering materials on C.O.C.U. are also indicated.

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## Birthday Party At Uplands

The Birthday Party at Uplands Retirement Center on Sunday, August 8, was the first step in the observance of Uplands' Fiftieth Anniversary, scheduled for 1972. The Birthday Party was in remembrance of August 7, 1921, when Dr. May Wharton recorded in her new *Doctor Woman of the Cumberland*:

"After months of preparation we were finally able to open the doors of our new headquarters. With a bow to the sanatorium we hoped soon to have, we have called it 'Sanex Sanatorium Annex.'"

The *Crossville Chronical*, in an article on the "History of Uplands," reports:

"Miss Fletcher and Dr. Wharton rented from Mr. Frank Frey a small, six-roomed, two-story building, formerly serving as a store, and moved in. They called the house Sanex. They were ready to receive patients August the seventh which is considered Uplands' true birthday."

And so, on August 8, 1971, in the sunken garden where Cumberland General Hospital used to be — in front of Van Dyck house, a program of memory, fellowship and future planning took place. UPLANDS IS FIFTY YEARS OLD!

Rev. H. Wayne Peck is the present Executive Director, and Mr. Lloyd V. Long is the Manager.

Stop by Pleasant Hill, Tenn. and visit Uplands Retirement Center. You will find the experience indeed rewarding.

## Catholics And Protestants Share Church

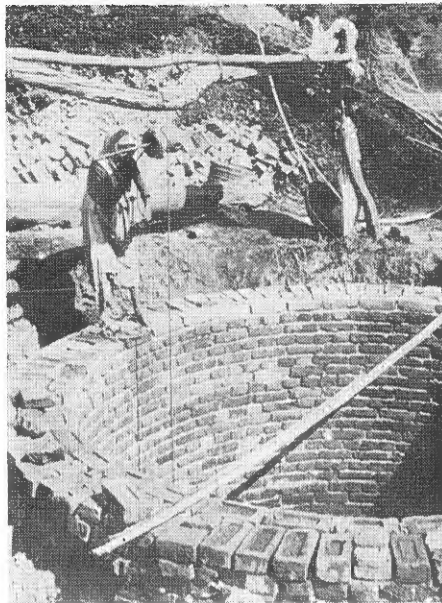
Members of Great Bridge Congregational Christian Church U.C.C. in Chesapeake, Va., and the Prince of Peace Mission of St. Matthew's Catholic Church worship in the same building.

"They had a need and we had a church," explained the Rev. Arthur G. Seabury, pastor of the U.C.C. Church, OFPRO so that when new equipment is

The mission plans to use the chapel of the U.C.C. church until it builds its own sanctuary. Meanwhile, mass is said each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Both Mr. Seabury and Father Donfred Stockert report their congregations have been enthusiastic about the sharing program.

— United Church Herald



## You And AFPRO In India

In India, you, as a member of the United Church of Christ, are helping bring water to thousands of people living on the country's parched plains.

How? You help support the work of an organization called Action for Food Production (AFPRO as it is familiarly known), which, at marginal costs to the people themselves, currently sponsors six major well-drilling projects in South India — all with giant well-drilling equipment provided to AFPRO by churches and other overseas donor agencies.

AFPRO's well-drilling projects are directed at immediate problems — at developing water resources as soon as possible; and the giant machines which bring water to the people of the parched plains will last for a while.

Then, what? The need will continue. To meet increasingly the needs of the poor farmers and villagers who cannot afford the low marginal rates which must be charged, AFPRO, with the help of overseas donors, is helping more people obtain wells — either by providing small grants through funds contributed by churches and other donor agencies, or by providing collateral for bank loans which otherwise would be unavailable to the poor farmers and villagers. Through such financing, annual equipment-depreciation payments are thus available to

## Atlanta Model Cities Program Receives Loan

The U. S. Department of Transportation has made a \$211,334 grant to the model Cities Program in Atlanta to expand and improve an inexpensive shuttle bus service for low-income residents.

Begun as a demonstration project in 1969, if the shuttle system is successful it will become permanent and provide low-cost bus routes through and to six communities in the Model Neighborhood Area.

Riders on the shuttle service will pay a nominal 10c fare to reach destinations within their own neighborhood and will have transfer capability to other routes and locations by paying the regular fare at transfer points.

In announcing the grant, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said, "The new and better service will directly benefit nearly one-tenth of Atlanta's population . . ."

## World Communion . . .

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offering: to enable worthy and talented students to have much-needed education; to strengthen community action among minority groups.

Our commitment, strengthened by financial gifts, can empower people to live abundantly. Only then can World Communion achieve its real significance. Let all of us attend World Communion Service October 3, 1971, bearing a generous gift for Neighbors in Need.

Mrs. Aletha Williams Boone received a Master of Arts in Education from Atlanta University August 8, 1971. Mrs. Boone is the wife of Rev. Joe E. Boone, pastor of Rush Memorial Church, Atlanta, Ga.

AFPRO so that when new equipment is needed, it can be purchased. Almost equally important, the equipment will be manufactured in India as an aid to India's economy, instead of being imported.

This year your U.C.C.B.W.M. is contributing nearly \$23,000 to the work of AFPRO. By your gifts to O.C.W.M. you help AFPRO as it responsibly looks not only to the immediate present but to the future needs of the people of India.

—from Task Force